

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1998-357-C - ORDER NO. 2003-707  
DECEMBER 8, 2003

IN RE:	Application of OnePoint Communications	)	ORDER APPROVING
	Georgia, LLC d/b/a Verizon Avenue for a	)	CHANGE OF COMPANY
	Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	NAME AND AMENDING
	Necessity to Provide Intrastate Interexchange,	)	CERTIFICATE
	Local Exchange and Exchange Access	)	
	Telecommunications Services and for	)	
	Alternative Regulation.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) by way of a request filed by Verizon Avenue Corp. (“VZA”) to amend the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of OnePoint Communications Georgia, LLC d/b/a Verizon Avenue (“OPC”) by a change in OPC’s name. By its request, VZA advises the Commission that VZA seeks approval of a change of OPC’s name from OnePoint Communications Georgia, LLC d/b/a Verizon Avenue to Verizon Avenue Corp., OPC’s parent company.

A review of the docket file reveals that OPC was originally granted authority to provide intrastate local exchange, exchange access, and interexchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina in the name of OnePoint Communications-Georgia, LLC and that such authority was granted by Commission Order No. 98-736, issued September 23, 1998. Thereafter, by Order No. 2002-410, dated May 31, 2002, the Commission approved a modification of the Company’s name by

which OPC would conduct business in South Carolina. Order No. 2002-410 approved the addition of d/b/a Verizon Avenue to OPC's name.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, VZA published a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in OPC's service area. VZA filed affidavits showing that it had complied with the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed in this matter.

VZA, by its request, seeks to modify OPC's current Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to reflect the name of Verizon Avenue Corp., OPC's parent company. As a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware and registered as a foreign corporation with the South Carolina Secretary of State, VZA states that it is certificated in twenty-seven states and in the federal jurisdiction under a mix of its own name and the name of four geographically distinct LLCs, including OPC. OPC is a Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of Delaware, and OPC is also registered as a foreign corporation with the South Carolina Secretary of State. VZA attaches to its request both VZA's and OPC's Applications of Authority to Transact Business in South Carolina filed with the Secretary of State.

VZA states that in order to alleviate customer confusion and to streamline corporate operations, VZA intends to collapse its current multiple-LLC structure and combine all operations under the Verizon Avenue Corp. name. Preparatory to eliminating the LLC structure, according to VZA, VZA seeks to change all certifications and registrations in all states from the LLC name to that of the parent company.

VZA asserts that the requested name change should have no adverse impact on OPC's customers in South Carolina. According to VZA, OPC currently provides telecommunications services to approximately 103 customers in South Carolina under the d/b/a name of Verizon Avenue, and no services offered to OPC's South Carolina customers or prices paid by customers for OPC's services will change as a result of the requested name change. Upon approval of the name change, VZA adds that it will notify all involved customers by bill insert or other method approved by the Commission.

Lastly, VZA states that VZA will refile OPC's tariffs upon approval of the requested change of name and that VZA commits that the tariffs refiled will contain no modifications other than those required to accommodate the change of OPC's name.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2003, the Commission reviewed the case before it and after due consideration, the Commission concludes that the Request of VZA for approval of a change of name should be granted. Accordingly, the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granted to OPC should be amended to reflect its new name.

The Commission therefore grants the following name change:

FROM: One Point Communications Georgia, LLC d/b/a Verizon Avenue

TO: Verizon Avenue Corp.

The Commission's records will hereby reflect the change of the name of OPC.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Verizon Avenue Corp.'s request for approval of the change of name from OnePoint Communications Georgia, LLC d/b/a Verizon Avenue to Verizon Avenue Corp. is approved.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Bruce F. Duke, Acting Executive Director

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